

Remarks/Arguments:

Favorable consideration of this application, in light of the present amendment and following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-24 are pending. Claims 1-24 correspond to amended version of Claims 10, 12-21, 23-30, and 32-36 of parent Application Serial No. 09/472,812. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by these claims.

Consequently, in view of the foregoing discussion and present amendment, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for examination. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

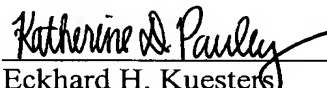
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